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Old Inhabitant: "'Morning. How goes it? Settled down yet? Found moving a rotten job, didn't you?".

"Not a bit of it. Ella organised the whole show like a female Barnum." New Comer:

"Still, no carpets, no blinds, pictures all over the place.
Rather a picnic—what?" Old Resident:

"My dear chap, you don't know Ella. Last night (impressively), last night—our first day in—everything was absolutely in its place, and dinner on the table at seven o'clock sharp!"
"You don't say!" New Comer:

Old Resident :

"It's a fact-gas, you know." New Comer: "What's gas to do with it?"
"Everything." Old Resident:

New Comer: "Everything?" Old Resident:

Old Resident:

"I'll explain. We had the gas people in a week before we moved. They put the gas fittings up, fixed Gas Fires everywhere, a Gas Cooker, and a Gas Water-Heater." New Comer:

Old Resident:

everywhere, a Gas Cooker, and a Gas Water-Heater."

"An all-gas house?"

"Exactly. Then Ella sends over a few chairs and tables, and starts in with a charlady and a sewing-maid. They got a sewing-machine going and went at it hammer and tongs. Made and fitted curtains and blinds on the spot to every window in the house, hung all the pictures, and Ella stood over the man while he fixed the carpets. When the furniture arrived, all numbered, you know—everything dropped into its place."

"Regular Kitchener business! what? Rotten job. though." New Comer:

"Regular Kitchener business! what? Rotten job, though, for your wife."

New Comer:

Old Resident:

for your wife."

"Not a bit of it. Ella said it was top hole. You see they had Gas Fires, hot water ad lib, and the gas on everywhere, although the house was empty; so it was quite all right. They had their meals too, decently, you know—not the usual sandwich-and-milk festival."

"You believe in gas?"

"Sure. Where's the sense of paying coal bills, buying fire-irons, and having a servant to clean grates, carry coals, and lay fires when you can cut it all out by using gas? Why, we used to have three servants when we used coal, and we manage a lot better with two since we've used gas. That coal house in the new place makes a topping garage for my sidecar, by the way!"

"Sounds all right, but you've got to pay the gas bill." New Comer:

Old Resident: "Sounds all right, but you've got to pay the gas bill."

New Comer:

Old Resident:

New Comer:

"Yes, but I don't pay a dollar more than I did the other way—don't forget I save one servant's wages and her keep beside the old coal bill—how's that?"
"Hum-m-m! I 've half a mind—tel. you what, do a round of golf with me on Saturday afternoon, and then show me how the thing works."
"Right O! 2.30 sharp, and ask your wife to come to tea with Ella. She'd love to do the honours."
"It's a deal. Now, dry up, old man, and let's see what that chirpy Amsterdammer has to tell us about the Huns. He's always so dead sure we're getting them on the run!" Old Resident :

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PRETTY MRS. PRETTY: MISS KYRLE BELLEW, AT HIS MAJESTY'S.

The curious and amusing Australian play at His Majesty's Theatre is fortunate in having

her pretty face and pretty ways captivates the rugged Australian Premier, gets into and a heroine of exceptional charm and beauty, who is able to live up to the rather exigeant title. For Mrs. Pretty, in "Mrs. Pretty and the Premier," is very pretty indeed, and by

Photograph by Hugh Cecil.

CLUB - GIRLS : FAMOUS CLUBS AS REPRESENTES



- 1. THE ROYAL LONDON YACHT CLUB (MISS DARTON).
 - 7. THE SAVAGE CLUB (MISS BRITON).
- 2. THE TRAVELLERS' CLUB (MISS COSTELLO).
- 8. THE ST. JAMES'S CLUB (MISS FORD).
- 3. THE MOTOR CLUB (MISS BROADWOOL
 - 9. A NIGHT CLUB (MISS STELLA).

No one who had enjoyed the humours of "Shell Out," at the Comedy Theatre, was surprised that it should pass into a Second Edition, even, perhaps, more bright and daintily "illustrated" than the original. The new edition naturally necessitated new scenes, and of these none is more effective than the Club Girl sce

BY FAIR LADIES IN "SHELL OUT," AT THE COMEDY.



4. THE PRESS CLUB (MISS GOODIE WILLIS).

10. THE NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB (MISS BIJOU).

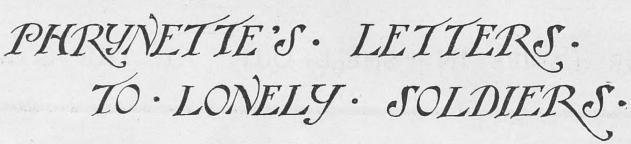
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II. THE NAVAL AND MILITARY CLUB (MISS HARRINGTON).

6. THE GARRICK CLUB (MISS EDGBERT).

12. THE JOCKEY CLUB (MISS VERE)

That the Club Girl is not very much akin to the Club Man of the Athenaeum type goes without saying, but she personifies in bright and attractive fashion clubs frequented by men of the world to whom the label Men About Town might be attached without any suggestion of "vine-leaves in the hair," or Vine Street in the small hours.



PLACE AUX DAMES—SOME SUGGESTIONS.

BY MARTHE TROLY - CURTIN.

Author of "Phrynette and London" and "Phrynette Married."

7 OU don't mind, do you, Camarades, if for once I answer a few readeresses' letters first? It is all about "yous" How could it be otherwise? To begin with, congratulations to little Irene, who writes: "The nicest thing that ever was (in khaki, of course), and I read together The Sketch of Jan. 12" (forgive me, but I know several others who are also the nicest thing in khaki!); "he had leave then, and when we saw the picture 'Lucky Girl' one idea struck us simultaneously. 'Little girlidea struck us simultaneously. 'Little girl-kins,' he said, you've got to have a black moiré bracelet with "Irene" straggling over

it.' I said yum-yum and put my arms around his dear neck and gripped that dear little bunch of ribbons at his collar. For he is in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, the Regiment in the army " (I know at least several others); "and you know the Flash they wear and why they really wear it, don't you? They tell one it is a relic of 'pigtail days-but it isn't really: it is so that when one wants to put one's arms round their necks and give them a welcome-back-to-England kiss one can grip the Flash with both hands to steady oneself." (Is that so, Camarades? Then why didn't you tell us before ?-we can't guess things !)

"Phrynette dearie, he had to go back before he had time to hunt for the bracelet, but he told me to write to you and ask you where they could be bought. He said, 'Ask Phrynette, Childie; she's a sport, she'll tell you.' And, Phrynette, I want it in moiré and gold, not diamonds, 'cos it's war-time!

Would the sweet Miss Peto ever give us an R.W.F. man-back view to show his Flash that I hang on to. All the men in the Regiment would love it so." I should have put a paragraph between those two sentences I think! "They are so conceited about it—the dears!"

There now. All right, Capitaine, I'll tell little Irene where she can get the bracelet. I thought you might like to know over thereand congratulations to you both!

Then there is a humorous lady from Australia who also tells me that, in Australianese, I am what they call a "sport." But what is a "sport"? I always thought a sporting character was somebody in thick



"Will each lady bandage the next one's leg, and I will come and look at them."

picturesque as all that! She tells me that she also has been writing letters to lonely soldiers; "but mine are individual letters. I just address them 'Lonely Soldiers, Dardanelles.' On one of them I put

good-looker preferred '-I guess the chap who sorts the letters will give that to the ugliest scallawag in the Regiment!" matter? I rather like ugly men; they are less spoilt than the others and appreciate one all the more. "We have just had a Bushmen's Carnival — cattle-drafting, buck-jumping, cattle-throwing, prizes for I had the first dance with a wounded hero. He was limping badly, but when the band commenced he said he couldn't resist trying. He was 'just It' as a partner. Then I wanted to make him sit down, but saw he didn't want to be fussed over, and told him your story of the wounded Sub who was wounded in the foot and said 'gout'! So we agreed to forget he was a hero and let him have a good time, just like an ordinary mortal. However,



not show the top (not modesty, big feet!) I showed them to him because he was wounded. And he said he had not fought in vain!

"I think your suggestion about the Post-Bellum Marriage Law splendid-the servant trouble is becoming very acute here. If one could induce some nice man to marry a really good cook, a competent housemaid, then a clever dressmaker, I would not mind coming in as the one who sauntered into the drawing-room to entertain the guests or preside gracefully at the dinner-table." Now you know you may, Messieurs! "And then in time the law could be extended to plurality of husbands. What woman of imagination gets all she likes in a husband? I am fond of dancing, but the young man at the dancing stage is more or less brainless" (let us protest, "yous" and I!) "Then the bookworm or literary man is delightful, but he is no good at a dance. The musical genius usually can't keep himself, let alone his wife, in cigarettes; and the millionaire is usually so busy looking after his money that he has not any time for the social graces-so that if one could have one of each, and perhaps a prizefighter to keep order among them, you'd have an ideal household."

What say my other readeresses?

I am vastly pleased to see by your letters, their length and their numbers, that "yous," at any rate, are not haunted by the papernumbers, that "yous," at any rate, are not haunted by the paper-economy craze. My unscientific mind cannot grasp the fact of paper-shortage at all. Why, never has note-paper been more gaily fanciful. The lucky ones among us who haven't, thank God, to use black-edged sheets go in for soft greys and periwinkle blues and pale lilacs of a most promising Springliness. In my ignorance I thought new paper could be made out of practically anything-even of old paper. If only it were so, why then could not the County Council or somebody collect all the old love-letters in breach-of-promise and divorce cases, boil them down and make of them again innocent white, lieless new pages to be turned ?—what! Also every household might contribute heaps of superfluous leaves and out-of-date literature—from abandoned diaries (by abandoned I mean, of course, unachieved) to bills that one has no intention of settling, and doctors' prescriptions that have been preserved, re-made and misapplied! Hairtonics are not always nice used as gargles! And speaking of doctors, Aunt Barbara is still as keen as plaster on the Red Cross classes, but I don't think she'll ever be able to practise properly, for she lets everything shock her off. The other day the doctor who was instructing said, "It would be a good thing for the class to practise leg-bandaging. Will each lady bandage the next one's leg, and I will come and look at them." Said Aunt Barbara: "I'm afraid my chauffeur must be getting cold—he must not be kept waiting any longer. Good-afternoon." And she strode off firmly on her respectable and safe-guarded props, missing the end of her lesson—but the doctor did not miss much!

On the Sunday before last the Imp and I went to a matinee at the Court Theatre to see three new plays produced by the Pioneers. I like new plays, don't you? I have a Frenchwoman's love for a dress rehearsal, for a play with the down still on its cheek, so



"One can grip the Flash with both hands."

to speak, before the critics and the public have spoilt it for you by telling what it wasn't! Of the three plays on the bill, one, "Pan in Ambush," by Marjorie Patterson, was a charming and clever thing-in verse, if you please! The authoress played a faun frolicking in the lilac-bushes, not such bushy bushes that one could not see her quite well under her tiger-skin-deep faunhood, reed pipe, dear little cloven hoofs and all, but I missed the provocative pair of horns. would not be fair of me to babble about the play, because it is sure to be played again soon, and "yous," perhaps, can come and see It was a delightful glimpse into a summer garden flower-full, scent-full, where trilled and thrilled the pipe of Pan. 'Twas the garden of a Poet who had prematurely buried his heart (poets are apt to do that), until a Victorian maiden (sweet little Katherine Hazel Jones) came therein (it applies to the garden and to the heart) to learn love and Latin! She learnt both very quickly! Please, Miss Patterson, while you were discoursing on the human heart were you really munching all those bulbs and roots and things you dug out of the earth with your little agile brown hands, or was it pralines and fondants smuggled up your sleeve all the time? But how silly of me; there was not

any sleeve nor much room for deception in your enchanting get-up! And you blushing Victorian Victoria, how successfully you showed us the charm of white muslin and blue ribbon and utter artlessness! And how sweet that essence of seraphic silliness—seventeen in a sky sash, sandal-shoes, and simple surprise! But then, whenever I see whatever pretty woman in whatever frock of whatever period I can't help thinking, "Was ever anything so charming?" for there is

no ugly fashion if she who wears it is fair enough. I was struck with this fact the other evening at the Carlton. There was a fête there, you know, in aid of Le Berceau, a Society to help the poor little French bébés. There was a dinner, a ball, and incidentally a wonderful exhibition of departed modes. Paquin was responsible for this resurrection of the lovely laid-in-lavender old dresses. I were to describe them you would not follow me frill by frill; but if I tell you that Mlle Yetta Rianza looked like a La France rose in her pink-and-white crinoline frock, that Miss Madge Saunders was a marvellous "Merveilleuse," and Miss Fay Compton wore a gown such as would have delighted Marie Antoinette in her happy days, it may make you realise that on that occasion at least Charity was at its charmingest.

One rarely sees large parties in restaurants now, but the other day at Prince's I saw a party of eight, seven women and one man in khaki. He was young and pink-and-white, and his mother had bidden sisters, cousins, and aunts to a farewell lunch—so I heard. The poise of the young thing was wonderful. He sat serene as a Sultan, and ate quite unconcernedly while the women watched in the

manner they watch their babies! I wonder whether the boys at the front know how much they are loved? One's own people don't say what is in their hearts—the boys don't like it, though, to be sure,

they are getting to be much more indulgent towards a little sentiment in their little "mater." Understanding grows with one's moustache!

Many thanks to E. H. for the badge-brooch—such a pretty thing! But I don't see why I should be spoilt in this way! What will She say if she reads this?

Many thanks for *The Dump*—laughed such a lot! My compliments to "yous" all. May I trot round to *The Shetch* Office with it? I feel such a selfish thing chuckling over it all by myself! Please tell Capt. J. S. W. M. that he is a genius. Drawings pages II and 27 "The New Kirchner in the Mess," and "yous" all gloating over it made my joy!

But I suppose that Captain J. S. W. M. knows he is a genius without other people telling him so; geniuses do, don't they?—and the rest of us too often!

It is so difficult to please all. Here is a charming letter of thanks from a fighting friend, who at the same time complains that it is wanton cruelty for Miss Peto to draw such things as "silk-encased ankles" if there is a chance of any lonely soldier in Gallipoli seeing "Of our brothers in France I say nothing; their opportunities are greater than When I came out here my kind relaours. tions advised me to leave the ladies alone-The men folk are so jealous and vindictive,' they said. But up to the present the only members of your charming sex I have seen since coming out here have been a few Greek women in Lemnos and Imbros.

"Most of them were pretty ancient, and none of them possessed a suspicion of the fabled Greek beauty."

Lucky lonely one! here is temptation removed from you by a kindly fate. No possible elopement, no dreadful revenge from wrathful brothers or husbands! You and

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"All the old love letters."

wrathful brothers or husbands! You and your kind relations should rejoice. And wouldn't you rather see alluring "lassies" in warm print than not see any at all? And I cannot agree that you have explained satisfactorily "why Miss Peto's young ladies should wear long skirts." Besides, they are not worn long any longer. You seem to be quite out of touch with things over there, poor boys! (don't say I am wantonly cruel, too—I meant out-of-date, of course!) So you may perhaps not know that in London corsets are off for the present, especially in the evening; some say for esthetic reasons, others that one is more supple for dancing with one's waist free; but my idea is that stays, however diminutive, being more substantial than the top part of the "topless" fashionable frock, it would be impossible for corsets to be contained without revealing itself. When somebody's bodice is composed of a waistband of silk and two shoulder-straps of net or chiffon, there 's barely



"If one could induce some nice man to marry a really good cook, a competent housemaid, then a clever dressmaker."

room enough in it for one's own self, tant pis for corsets and camisoles!... Why, I find I have actually been talking fashion to you. If it bores you, just skip it!



ADY LIMERICK is wise to turn her attention to the soldier on leave in Ireland. In a sense, he is at the end of his troubles, for a day or two, when he gets that far from the firing-line; but, however cordial the welcome of his friends at home, the discomforts of the journey from France and back again are infinite. He has nearly always to travel by night. He is sick on the way to England; he is sick

all the way from Holyhead to Kings-

town. He may have

three or four hours' rail in Ireland itself. If high winds still

prevail, he is sick

crossings back to the

who have seen him

in his agony, or shared it, know what

he goes through for

the sake of seeing

the missus and the

kids. Lady Limerick

does well to support

him with hot coffee

and an encouraging

Lady Angela's

Balance-Sheet.

Lady Angela Forbes

has one specially in-

teresting thing to

say about canteens,

both the

Only those

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AN EARL'S NIECE AS NURSE: MISS HELEN FRANCES ANSON.

Miss Anson is a daughter of the Hon. Frederic William Anson, brother of the Earl of Lichfield, and, like her cousins, Lady Evelyn and Lady Phyllis King, daughters of the Earl of Lovelace, has undergone a cou'se of training as a nurse, and is placing her experience at the service of the wounded in France.

Photograph by Sarony.

and she does well to go on saying it for the benefit of the hesitating wouldbes and the unenterprising wellintentioned. A canteen worthy the name pays. With no previous experience of catering, and very little of keeping accounts— "writing epitaphs on dead money," Cardinal Manning called it-she has found it impossible to run a canteen at a loss. Indeed, she has found it impossible to run a canteen without profits, and in France very considerable profits. Soldiers prefer to pay: the mission of the canteen-organiser is to set up her stall in the right place and to give good value for money received. And the moral is that neither the manager nor Tommy need ask for charity, either in the form of subscriptions or cocoa.

Another Aerial Engagement. Another Flying Corps wedding is in the air. Lieutenant Alastair Miller is engaged to, and will very shortly marry, Miss Flora Petersen. A son of Sir William and Lady Miller, of Glenlee, Mr. Miller belongs to the Irish Guards, but is attached to the more adventurous R.F.C.more adventurous in two senses. for it has great things to do aloft, and is, besides, fast becoming known as the Marrying Corps. It seems, by the way, quite oldfashioned to note anything but military and naval distinctions in the world of matrimony, but the marriage arranged for the



SIR ROBERT PEEL'S NIECE MARRIED: MISS VAN DER HEYDT—CAPTAIN BARRY DOMVILE, R.N. Miss Alexandrina van der Heydt, who was married on Feb. 9 to Captain Barry Domvile, of H.M.S. "Arethusa," son of Admiral Sir Compton Domvile, of Brighton, at Tamworth Parish Church, is the daughter of the late Mr. van der Heydt, of North Audley Street, and a grand-daughter of Sir Robert Peel, the Prime Minister. Her uncle, Sir Robert Peel, fourth Baronet, gave her away. Miss Betty Peel, fourth Baronet, gave her away. Miss Betty Askwith, daughter of Sir George Askwith, and Miss Mary Peel, daughter of the Rev. Maurice Peel, Vicar of Tamworth, were bridesmaids, and wore Kate Greenaway dresses. Mr. A. R. Graham, Grenadier Guards, was best man; and Master David Peel, son of the Vicar, was page, and wore a white sailor suit with the "Arethusa" ribbon.—[Photo. by Topical.]

beginning of next month between Mr. William Cliff, of the Hussars, and Miss Selby-Lowndes is of particular interest in the hunting world. Her father is the well-known M.F.H., and her mother, Mrs. Selby-Lowndes, is — Mrs. Selby-Lowndes.

Lady Constance in Pall Mall.

Lady Constance Butler is learning more and more about books under Mr. Gosse's able

tuition. She has taken on the secretarial work connected with the books and autographs department of the Red Cross Sale, and finds herself speculating about prices as things come in. To look a gift-horse in the mouth is part of her daily business, and it is quite exciting to make imaginary bids and check an imaginary total long before the event. The one thorn in her side is her chief's industry. He insists on writing the interesting letters himself —letters of thanks and suggestion; and his sense of values is extraordinarily keen. He could give many dealers points on books, and his pupil



A NAVAL AND MILITARY WEDDING: LIEUT. GORDON INGHAM, R.N.—MISS HELEN MARY COOPER.

Miss Cooper, whose marriage with Lieutenant Ingham is arranged for to-day, February 16, is the daughter of the late Major Francis Cooper, R.F.A., and Mrs. Cooper, of Chilworth, Surrey. Lieutenant Ingham, R.N., is the son of his Honour Judge Ingham, and Mrs. Ingham, of Sugwas Court, Hereford.

Photograph by Val l'Estrange.

will be qualified to take on any job from a literary editorship to the management of Quaritch's before he is done with her.

Lady Forbes. Castle Forbes, married the new holder of the title in 1914, just after the tragic death of the twentieth Baron. One of the sticklers for the hereditary principle during the Parliamentary crisis of 1910, Lord Forbes (the 20th Baron) was found dead at an hotel in Dundee four years later, and his successor enjoyed the title for only eighteen months. about the same time Lady Forbes's own family suffered a tragic bereavement. Denis Anson, the brilliant young man who was drowned during a nocturnal entertainment of his own devising on the Thames, was her cousin.

Cousins-German. Lady Dupplin, whose young son becomes Earl of Kinnoull on the death of his grandfather, was married in 1901 and lost her husband in 1903. The boy is fourteen, and at least one year too old to harbour any sensitiveness about the marriages in his father's family which gave one somewhat remote cousin the title of the Hon. Mrs. Von Hindenburg, and another that of Princess Münster, wife of a previous German Ambassador at Paris Lady Dupplin is noted for her good looks.



A PRETTY WEDDING IN KENT: LIEUTENANT WILLIAM O. C. JOHNSEN AND MISS ETHEL MAY BOWATER.

Many friends of the bride and bridegroom gathered together in the Parish Church, Bromley, Kent, for the wedding of Lieutenant W. O. Johnsen and Miss Bowater, the dainty dresses of whose young attendants were much admired. Miss Bowater (Mrs. Johnsen) is the elder daughter of Major and Mrs. Frank Bowater, of Denbridge House, Bickley. Lieutenant Johnsen is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Johnsen, of Barnfield, Bromley.—[Photograph by Alfieri.]

THE DISTAFF SIDE: OFFICERS' WIVES; AN EX-PRISONER.



A LADY WHO HAS THIRTY-THREE RELATIVES AT THE FRONT: MRS. BRYAN RAYNER.



WIFE OF A NEW DEPUTY-ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND QUARTER-MASTER-GENERAL: THE HON. MRS. EUSTACE FIENNES.



WIFE OF THE NEW ASSISTANT-ADJUTANT-GENERAL AT THE WAR OFFICE: LADY GREENWOOD.



RELEASED BY THE AUSTRIANS: MISS FLORENCE CHAPLIN, WHO HAS BEEN NURSING IN SERBIA.

Mrs. Bryan Rayner is the wife of Major W. B. F. Rayner, Royal Fusiliers, who was mentioned in despatches on New Year's Day and is now Brigade-Major. Major Rayner fought with distinction in the Boer War. Mrs. Rayner has thirty-three relatives at the Front.——Mrs. Eustace Fiennes is the wife of Major the Hon. Eustace Fiennes, Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars, brother of Lord Saye and Sele, and Member of Parliament for the Banbury Division of Oxfordshire. Major Fiennes has been appointed a Deputy-Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster - General.—— Lady Greenwood is the wife of

Lieut.-Colonel Hamar Greenwood, who has been appointed Assistant-Adjutant-General at the War Office.—Miss Florence Chaplin, who is a daughter of the Right Hon. Henry Chaplin, M.P., and sister of the Marchioness of Londonderry, and Dame President of the Wimbledon Habitation, has been nursing in Serbia with her Red Cross unit, and was made a prisoner by the Austrians. Great anxiety was naturally felt for some time, but it is gratifying to know that Lady Londonderry has now been informed that Miss Chaplin has been released and is on her way to England.



MOTI



. ME . IN . MY . MOTLEY : GIVE . ME. LEAVE . TO . SPEAK . MY . MIND

BY KEBLE

FIRST OLD LADY: It's preposterous!
SECOND OLD LADY: It's disgraceful!
FIRST OLD LADY: And so unnecessary! Another Mystery Explained.

SECOND OLD LADY: Quite! First OLD LADY: It ought to be stopped! SECOND OLD LADY: I shall see into it myself!

FIRST OLD LADY: Somebody should be made an example of !

SECOND OLD LADY: And severely punished!

FIRST OLD LADY: If not shot!

SECOND OLD LADY: What is the Army doing? FIRST OLD LADY: To say nothing of the Navy!

SECOND OLD LADY: Army indeed! FIRST OLD LADY: Navy forsooth!

SECOND OLD LADY: If they'd give my nephew a chance-

FIRST OLD LADY: Or my

grandson-

SECOND OLD LADY: It's all

this red tape, you know! First Old Lady: I know! They even wear it round their caps!

SECOND OLD LADY: Not a bit ashamed of it!

FIRST OLD LADY: Oh, they glory in it!

SECOND OLD LADY: In the meantime, the wretched Zeppelins-

FIRST OLD LADY: Oh, don't talk about it!

But they did continue to talk about Public brains. it, and I could not help listening. And as I listened, it occurred to me, as a matter for public rejoicing, that there is not a single person in England-with the exception, of course, of the people who have the job in hand - who could not settle the Zeppelin trouble offhand. As an Englishman, I rejoice in this display of national intelligence. Other nations are forced to rely upon so-called experts. We are not in that unfortunate and povertystricken condition. We all know how to do it. We are all able to advise the authorities. As to advise the authorities. As Lewis Carroll said, "They all can, and most of them do.

The Editor of a certain daily paper, having received many thousands of interesting letters on this topic, and being unable to print them all on account of

the shortage in paper, has kindly sent some on to me. I append a few samples.

THE ZEPPELIN TROUBLE.

SIR,-If you wish to know the real reason for the continuance of the Zeppelin raids, I can tell you in one word, Asquith.—Non-Party

SIR,-It is well known to the Government-or should be well known to them-that the one and only place to attack and bring down a Zeppelin is the North Sea. Why is this simple precaution not taken? Ask Sir John Simon! TORPEDO.

SIR,—Here is a very simple method for stopping Zeppelin raids, and one that should appeal to any man in this country worthy of the name. (We have listened to the old women long enough; the time has come to acquit ourselves like heroes.) Announce to the German Government, through the American Embassy in Berlin, that for every person killed in this country by a bomb dropped from a Zeppelin we shall crucify a German prisoner.

ENGLISH AND PROUD OF IT.

SIR,—What we really need to settle this trouble is greater unity. I should suggest that every town and village in the country holds a mass meeting every night to discuss the problem. We should then arrive at some solution which would be of immense help to the authorities.

Nemo Sed Felix.

SIR,-I think we have all overlooked the danger of children acting as spies. A few nights ago, on a quiet country road, I met a small boy with an electric torch. I at once knocked him down and took away the torch, whereupon he called me a "dirty Hun"-

which I certainly am not-and expressed a hope that the Zeppelins would come over and smash me to bits with a bomb. Could anything be more sinister or un-English?

LOVER OF LITTLE ONES.

SIR,-Amid so many quibblings, let me strike an optimistic note. It is true, no doubt, that we have not yet solved the Zeppelin problem. So much I grant. Sic transit gloria mundi. But all things must have a beginning. Arma virumque cano. We have, at any rate, accomplished this much-we know the extreme difficulty of the task! In vino veritas.

VAE VICTIS (Banbury).



(Contributed by a Lady Reader.)

There is no need for any woman or girl to give way to gloom because of the War. Pessimism helps nobody. the contrary, it is actually wrong to wear a downcast expression or communicate sadness to others in these times of stress.

Concentrate your attention on the things you can do to help. The fate of the race is at all times in the hands of its women, and never more so than in time of war. Here is a list of little daily duties that every girl and woman who wishes our country to emerge triumphant from this great struggle should be careful to observe-

(1) Give up putting sugar in your tea.

Clean your gloves with salts-of-lemon. (2)

(3) To make the hair glossy, rub it with a raw onion all night.(4) The best cure for chilblains is to beat them sharply with a piece of coal about the size of a melon. If coal cannot be obtained, a half-brick is a good substitute.

(5) You cannot be too careful what you do with your teeth. A good plan for the preservation of the teeth is the following: Take one raw potato. Slice it up very small, and add the essence of a wee kidney-bean. Place the preparation on your window-sill at night. Leave the window open, and sit with your teeth close to the saucer. Should you feel cold, you can either (a) grin and bear it or (b) close the it or (b) close the window sharply and leap into bed.

(6) Avoid meat, pudding, fish, cheese, sweets, and uncooked bread.

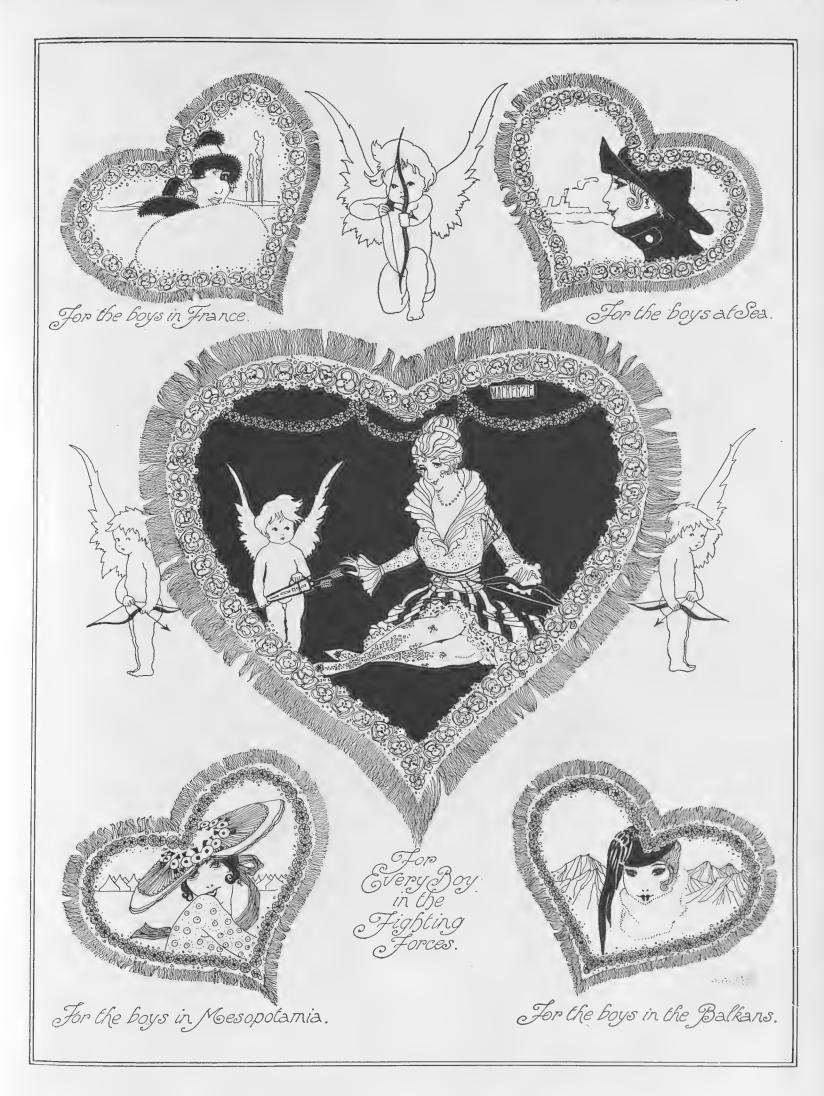
(7) Practise deep breathing. Do not breathe whilst asleep. One good inhalation at night, followed by a similar exhalation the first thing in the morning, will keep you wonderfully fit.



THE LATEST FROM THE U.S.A.: THE REAL-FLOWER-ABOVE-THE-ELBOW ARMLET.

Photograph by Topical.

MORALS OF MACKENZIE: LEAP YEAR VALENTINES.





WHEN LIPS ARE UNSEALED: TWO VIEWS OF THE CRUSADES: FUTURE HISTORIES.

The "Baralong" I take it that our naval authorities do not consider it worth while to contradict every lie that the Germans tell concerning our sailors,

but when, after the war, the story of the Baralong, the submarine and the mule-ship, is officially told, one of the strangest and fiercest incidents that has ever occurred at sea will come to light in its entirety. Had the Germans accepted Sir Edward Grey's offer to submit the Baralong case and the contemporaneous attacks on helpless British sailors by German seamen to a court of American naval officers, the story would already have been told in full; but doubtless the Germans had some inkling of what really did occur, and were exceedingly anxious that the truth should not be known.

The Biter Bit. It was a case of the biter being bit, for when the tables were turned against the Germans by the appearance of the *Baralong* and the sinking of the submarine, a boat's crew of Germans was already on the *Nicosian* preparing

to sink her by bombs. The American cattlemen, as reckless and as pugnacious a set of human beings as exist, turned on the Germans with bars of iron and other weapons that came to their hands and slaughtered them. A second boat - load of Germans suffered the same fate, and when the British steamer sent a boat alongside the Nicosian the fight was over. and the trium phant cattlemen were in possession of the vessel.

What Happened Afterwards.

This much those of the crew of the Nicosian,

who were in a boat awaiting the sinking of the ship, and all aboard the *Baralong* will be able to confirm when the time comes that the official seal is taken from their lips. What has happened afterwards we in England can only guess. No doubt the cattlemen, who swore false affidavits, did not do so without some reward from German sources; but the story of the fight on board the *Nicosian* is such a thrilling one that sooner or later the participators in it will tell the whole true story just for the love of relating the details of a fierce fight; and when they do tell that story it will be confirmed later on by the British official report—when it comes.

The Writing of History.

Monsieur Gennadius, the Greek Minister at the Court of St. James, commenting on a lecture delivered in the School of Economics, disagreed very thoroughly with the ordinary British ideas concerning the Crusades. He said that the Fourth Crusade was the greatest buccaneering expedition known to human history, and that the mass of people who took part in the Crusades were a rabble, who were, to a certain extent, policed by the Greeks of that period. Quite likely M. Gennadius is right, for the history of the Crusades, as we in Europe know it, is the history as written by the priests who preached the Crusades, and who, naturally, did not record anything to the

disadvantage of the men who were fighting for the Cross against the Crescent.

Like every other British small boy, the history Saladin. of the Crusades as I read them filled me with admiration for those gallant Christian knights who, in their endeavour to wrest the holy cities of the Christians from the hands of pagans, fought so bravely against the Saracens. It was not until I came to man's estate that I read the other side of the history of the Crusade period, and learned what a fine fellow Saladin was-how generous, how hospitable, and how humane towards his captives. He never met a Christian general who was his equal in strategy until Richard of England opposed him; and Saladin was just as fine a character as our King of the Lion Heart. Had I been a little Mohammedan boy of the East instead of a little British boy of the West, I should have been taught that Saladin was a hero of heroes, and that he turned back the tide of Christian invasion and secured for the followers of Mahomet the land that was theirs by right.



"ROBINSON CRUSOE" PRESENTED BY THE GUARDS AT THE FRONT: THE FRONT AND THE BACK OF THE PROGRAMME.

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The Guards Amateur Dramatic Society, facetiously dubbed "The Guards-Am-At-It" Society, produced their version of "Robinson Crusoe" somewhere in France. Here we reproduce the front and back pages of the programme. Illustrations of some of the characters are given opposite. Every member of the cast is in the Guards, and came from the Scots, Grenadiers, Coldstreamers, and Irish.

There was a grand chorus of missionaries, cannibals, orang-outangs, hyaenas, etc.!

Histories of To-Day.

We are living to-day, all of us, in the midst of the making of history-amaking that is in progress amidst the convulsion of all the nations. There will be two schools of history-one looking at these years from the Teuton point of view, and the other from the British and the Latin view. We know what we think of the war and its beginnings, and we know, a little less clearly, perhaps, what the Teuton point of They view is. are the absolute poles apart. No doubt the German people believe just as

sincerely that their country has been attacked as we believe that German ambition plunged Europe into this terrible war. The German and Austrian histories will be full of the valour and the kindliness of the German hosts, and will tell of the brutalities of her foes and how Great Britain egged Russia and France into the war, and then joined in because she thought she saw her chance to ruin German trade. We Britons know all this to be utterly false, but every German will believe it to be true until the end of time.

The American
Historian.

It is from America that the historian of the years of the greatest war must eventually come, and when he writes his history both the Germans.

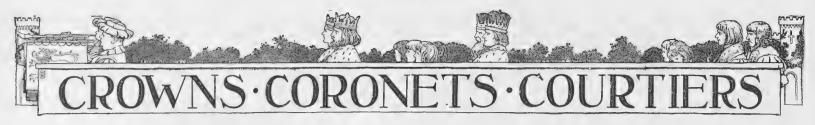
and ourselves will violently disagree with many of his statements and many of his conclusions. Only an American, or a Chinaman, can be outside the tremendous passions that are swirling in Europe and parts of Asia; but to a Chinaman the squabbles of Europe are of little more interest than the revolutions in China are to a European. A citizen of the United States is always tremendously interested in the older civilisations of Europe, and can see with clear eyes and at the same time be to a certain extent in sympathy with both sides. But I hope that the American historian, when he comes, will not, like M. Gennadius, try to upset British beliefs in our crusade.

"THE GUARDS-AM-AT-IT!" "ROBINSON CRUSOE" IN FRANCE.



The irrepressible good-humour of the Guards found plenty of room to express itself in the really funny pantomime of which we give some illustrations. The programme, type-written but teeming with jokes and seasonable puns, the dresses and make-up quite on orthodox lines, the "book" full of quaint jests and modern instances, the ebullient spirits and "go" of the performers, the crude "scenery," made up an entertainment such as, it is safe to say, no war area had hitherto enjoyed in the

history of the world. The "musical numbers" were smart and clever, and capitally rendered, and the whole production "went with a bang." One song at least was cheerily prophetic—"The Watch on the Rhine," a stanza of which ran, "When we've wound up the Watch on the Rhine, How we'll sing, how we'll sing 'Auld Lang Syne,' You and I hurrah will cry, Everything will be Potsdam fine"—a cursory summing-up of the situation. "Produced Somewhere in France" on January 1, 3, and 4.



ERY festive and unafraid was last week's wedding at Drayton Manor, with its special train from town, and, as somebody said, abundance of orange-blossom and abundance of Peel. One of the family heirlooms that has never been in dispute is a great spirit, a courage that carries the Peels cheerfully through periods of national or personal stress.

MOTHER OF A FUTURE PEER: LADY LOCH.

Lady Loch, who has given birth to a son and heir, was married to Lord Loch in 1905, and was then Lady Margaret L. L. Compton, daughter of the fifth Marquess of Northampton. She has two little daughters. Lord Loch has been mentioned in despatches and made C.M.G. during the present war.

Photograph by Swaine.

Captain Barry Domvile, brought a whole bevy of distinguished naval friends, and his own people were present in force. Sir Hedworth Meux and Lady Meux, with Lord John Hay and Lady John Hay, were among the invited guests; and though sea duty kept many naval friends away, there were others who scrambled to shore and back again to do honour to the popular captain of the Arethusa. His best man, however, was a soldiera Guardsman who, managing to reverse the accepted order, proved that the Army can on occasion be "both mother and father" to the Navy.

Some letters from the A Little Bit of Fluff. front contain more than letters - odds and ends that bring home the



TO MARRY CAPTAIN C. W. ANSTEY: MISS DOROTHY ETHEL WESTMACOTT.

Miss Westmacott is the eldest daughter of Major H. R. Westmacott, Welsh Regiment, and Mrs. Westmacott, of Belvedere Cottage, Rye, Sussex. Captain Anstey, 24th South Wales Borderers and Royal Flying Corps, is the only surviving son of Major W. Anstey (late H.L.I.), Lismoyne, Fleet, Hants.

Photograph by Swaine.

the confidence with which the great-grandson of the greater Robert endured a number of inquiries in various directions, and ended with possession of Drayton Manor. There are, of course, other great possessions in the family, but things were askew somewhere. Nothing, however, could have been more prosperous-looking than last week's wedding, with statistical and official financial correctitude represented by Sir

We have in our time all admired

William Askwith (whose daughter was a bridesmaid) and individual millions represented three or four times over in the persons of the assembled guests.

The Best Man.

reality. A man showed me the other day a scrap of Hun trousering, ripped from the leg of .a wounded prisoner. It had come to him that morning from Captain Lovat Fraser. and had been thought curious enough to

send on account of the tale it told of one German shortcoming. It was thinner than any summer uniform even should be-as thin as the fancy socks that some men wear in August. And this was a February prisoner!

A NEW PEER: THE THIRTEENTH

EARL OF KINNOULL:

The late Earl of Kinnoull, who has just died at

the age of sixty-one, is succeeded by his grand-son, Lord Hay of Kinfauns, son of the late Vis-

count Dupplin, who died in 1903, eldest son of the late Earl. The new Earl will be fourteen in March. The first Earl of Kinnoull was Sir

George Hay, Lord High Chancellor of Scotland 1622-34: created Baron Hay of Kinfauns and

Viscount Dupplin, peerage of Scotland, 1627, and Earl of Kinnoull, peerage of Scotland, 1633.

Photograph by Thomson.

Captain Lovat The Song of Fraser is com-Honour.

paratively new to the Army. A year ago-or is it rather more?—nothing less like a prisoner-bagging, in-the-thick-of-it soldier would have been imagined. If one had stopped to think, one might have seen in him the potential officer: he has the build, and he was already halfequipped—he was a gentleman. As a matter of fact, the only things one could think about in his studio in Roland Gardens were

the artist and the drawing and his friend Ralph Hodgson the poet, now in the R.N.V.R. Those two together were responsible for the Flying Fame publications— for "Eve" the "Song of Honour," and the numerous Then they closed broadsides. shop, and incidentally sent up the prices of their publications. The first edition of "The Song of Honour," issued at 6d., now fetches a guinea. And some economists refuse to sell, even at that respectable figure.

> No "Repeats" Needed.

Lord Northcliffe, Sir Henry Norman, and a number of other men who are as much concerned with the driving of pens as with the driving of motors, have been doing



TO MARRY CAPT. SURTEES ATKINSON: MISS MARGARET GUY.

Miss Margaret Guy is the daughter of the Rev. T. E. B. Guy, Vicar of Fulford, York. Captain Surtees Atkinson, of the Royal Field Artillery, is the younger son of the late Mr. John Atkinson, J.P., of New-biggin, Hexham, and of Mrs. Atkinson, of Fulford Lodge, York.

Photograph by Swaine.

luncheon-hour honour to Lord Montagu at the Royal Automobile Club. The Hon. Arthur Stanley presided, and it was an open secret that the writers of those famous obituary notices of the guest of the day were seated at the table. "You are forgiven as long as you don't write them again for quite a long time " is Lord Montagu's smiling formula. He had an audience, too, of the King last week at Buckingham Palace, an audience at which his Majesty listened to the tale of a great and dreadful adventure.

The Irrepressible for a military race-meeting here," writes a young Irish ficer from Salonika. "There is space or "What wouldn't we give officer from Salonika.

ground enough and I look pretty wistfully at possible steeplechase courses. Sir Bryan Mahon (the mahout) has to do his rounds in a car, though his natural seat, of course, is in the sad-He too dle. must look with longing -

But no, dear Sir, let it rest at that. For a blinking-space you side-track into thoughts of racemeetings, but it is not permitted that a respectable, hardworking C.-in-C. should be involved along with you. Sir Bryan must stick to the uncongenial motor for the time being. The polo season is not quite yet. And much may happen before long.



ENGAGED TO 2ND-LIEUT, LEONARD McA. R. GORDON: MISS HELEN VIOLET HOLBECHE.

Miss Holbeche is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holbeche, of Prior's Croft, Malvern, Worcestershire. 2nd-Lieut. Leonard Gordon, of the Cameronians, is the only son of Dr. and Mrs. James Gordon, Annalong, County Down, Ireland.

Photograph by Swaine.

WEDDINGS AND WAR WORK: SOME FEMININE NOTABILITIES.



AN EARL'S DAUGHTER WHO IS DOING CANTEEN WORK AND MOTOR-DRIVING: LADY IRIS CAPELL.



ABOUT TO CONTRACT A DANISH ALLIANCE: MISS MONICA MASSY-BERESFORD, ENGAGED TO M. JORGEN DE WICHFELD.



RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE EAST, WHERE SHE WATCHED A BATTLE: MRS. IVY BRUCE ELLIOTT.



RECENTLY MARRIED TO CAPTAIN A. R. KELLETT: MISS MADELINE SEYMOUR, THE WELL-KNOWN ACTRESS.

Lady Iris Capell 1s the elder of the two daughters of the Earl of Essex by his second Irs and adapter of the two daughters of the Eart of Essex by his second, and marriage. Her mother is a daughter of the late Mr. Beach Grant, of New York. Lady Iris now spends four days a week in driving a motor for the National Food Fund, and gives most of her remaining time to canteen work. She was previously working for a time at Lady Murray's hospital at Le Tréport.—Miss Monica Massy-Beresford's fiancé, M. Jorgen de Wichfeld, is Honorary Attaché to the Danish Legation in London. She is

the only daughter of Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Massy-Beresford, of St. Hubert's, Belturbet,

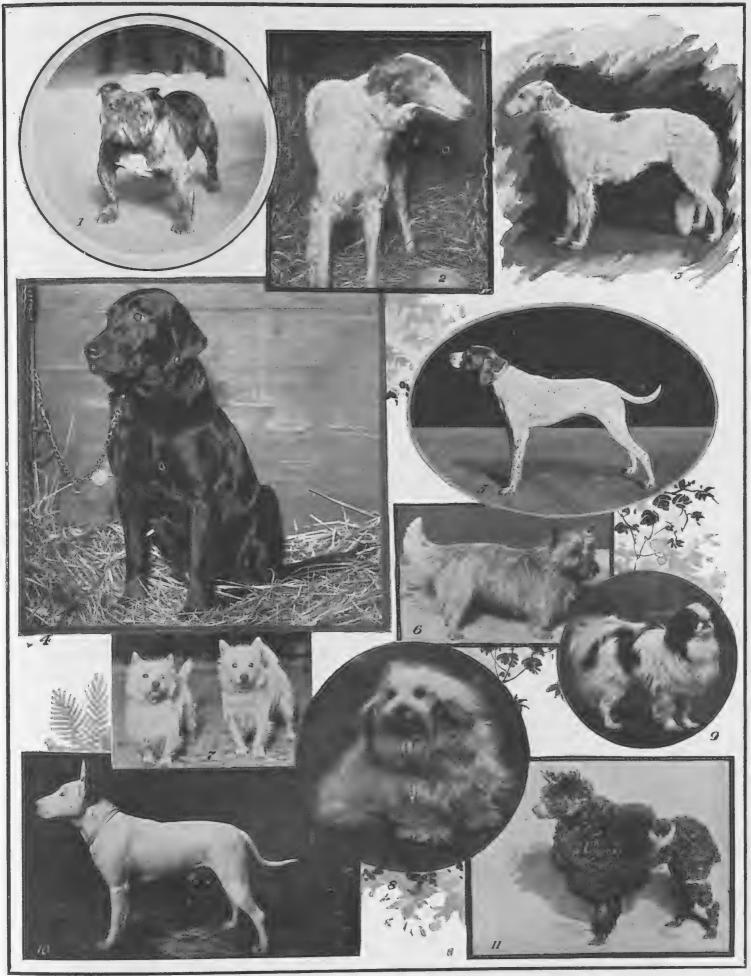
EXPERIENCE.



THE SMALL BOY (to his father—just returned from the trenches) : I say, you'll cop it when muyver sees your boots!

DRAWN BY FRANK REYNOLDS, R.I.

VERY HARDY ANNUAL: WINNERS AT "CRUFT'S."



- Mrs. Isa A. Harrison's Bulldog, "Who Goes There?" First Prize.
 H.M. Quern Alexandra's Borzoi, "Sandringham Oudoff,"
 Mrs. F. R. Ashton's Borzoi, "Ch. Pavlova of Addlestone." First Prize, Championship, and Best Borzoi in Show.
 H.M. The King's Retriever, "Wolferton Jet," Second Prize.
 Mr. T. Steadman's Pointer, "Mallwyd Pop." Two Firsts and Championship.
 Mr. MacLennan's Cairn Terrier, "Cii. Sporran." First Prize and Championship.

It is to the credit of Mr. Cruft and of the exhibitors that his great International Dog Show, held at the Agricultural Hall, on February 9, 10, and 11, was, despite the war, as interesting as ever. A special cachet was given to the Show this year by the fact that for the first time his Majesty the King was an exhibitor, showing a very

- 7. Mr. S. McLeod's West Highland White Terriers. (Left) "Fair Maid."

 Two Firsts and Championship. (Right) "White Cliff," Two Firsts.

 8. Mrs. Fraser Newall's Maltese, "Champion Bunch." First and Championship.

 9. Mrs. G. Gratrix's Japanese, "Anderson Manor Horusal." Three Ists and Ch.

 10. Mr. O. Wright's Bull-Terrier, "Ch. Krishna." First Prize, Championship,

 And Best Bull-Terrier in Show.

 11. Mrs. H. E. Jerome's Miniature Poodle, "Mardi." Two Firsts, Championship,

 And Three Specials.

fine sporting dog, "Wolferton Jet," a handsome retriever with a first-rate reputation in the field. Her Majesty Queen Alexandra was again represented at the Show at which she first made her appearance as an exhibitor, showing this year basset-hounds, which won championships, as well as the Borzoi of which we give a photograph.



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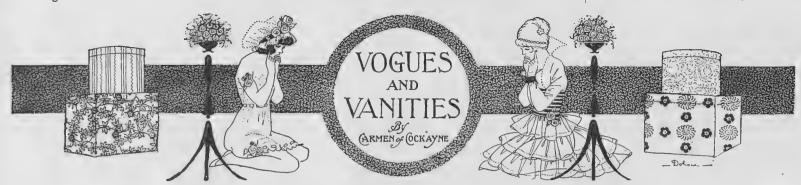
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RATS!



THE GERMAN SAILOR (just returned from an unsuccessful deputation to ask for an extra drink allowance): Himmel! if I could only wake up and find the little beasts weren't real.

DRAWN BY HARRY ROUNTREE.



Souvent Femme Varie.

Woman is changeable, always. It was a man's opinion, and perhaps his experience had been Without, however, admitting its unfortunate. general applicability, the verdict, as applied to women and dress, is

perfectly just. And who would have it otherwise? The intolerable dullness of life if all changes in dress were forbidden scarcely bears thinking about. The Puritans tried the experiment, and the result was seen a few years later in the extravagant style of dress which characterised Restoration days. for the men of to-day, if they would only admit the truth, they are the last people, in the world really to demand monotony in dress. Their very anxiety to doff khaki at the first opportunity and enjoy the luxury of mufti proves

that they, at least, appreciate the value of clothes as an aid to mental and physical well-being. Varying fashions are really

essential to a woman's welfare, and the spring brings to her an even greater longing than at any other time for something "new" in the way of dress. This year the yearning even more pronounced,

cause general monotony has reached a pitch never before achieved even in this war. "Rien de nouveau," that which has been last week, the thing which will be next week, and the week

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after next-the deadly monotony of the uninformative official bulletins above all call for a vigorous stimulant. Just now fashion is supplying that stimulant. If, like the war, there were no change to record in woman's dress, it would indeed be a poor world. But all the "agitated rattle of a complicated battle" has no power to retard the ever-spinning wheel of La Mode by so much as a single revolution. The changes this year, as was pointed out last week, are not great, but they are significant, showing as they do a transition from the mournful to the buoyant, and from a certain simplicity and restrainedness to the frilly, the feminine, the de-

and the altogether up-todate-all of which attributes are present in the gowns which Dolores illustrates on this page.

The "Triangle" Corsage.

"Old friends are best" is a maxim that is applicable

to almost everything except matters fashionable, where initiative is the secret of success. The "triangle" corsage, which is a newcomer this season, has all the charm of novelty, and quite destroys the long-accepted maxim that to the corsage two "lines" and two only were possible-the vertical and the

circular. The new feature introduces the line horizontal, which forms, as it were, the base line of the inverted triangle which the bodice suggests, and extends from shoulder to shoulder, with an ethereal bridge of georgette or tulle to fill the gap which divides back

from front. Of its merits you may judge from the accompanying sketch, the original of which, like its fellow, is to be seen in the salons of Messrs. Debenham and Freebody in Wigmore Street. In colour it is a delicate shade of pink tempered with a subtle suggestion of mauve. The chief interest of the skirt is contained in its extreme fullness, and the loops and bows of ribbon-satin on one side, moiré on the other-with which it is decorated. Ribbons, it will be seen, appear again on the sleeve-and, indeed, they play an important part in many a dressscheme of to-day, especially if it be designed for the use of the jeune fille.



"Broader from side to side than from back to front," is one edict concerning the new hats.

Another point to be noted about the frock is

that, though intended for restaurant and evening wear, it is fully high-a characteristic it shares with many others of the same class. Quite a number of otherwise elaborate evening gowns have the décolletage filled in with clear, almost invisible, tulle, which is simply fastened at the neck with a narrow band of soft satin. Next the pink gown, the farthingale frock asserts its claim to notice. It is of black satin, soft and shiny, and stands out, as you see, more than a little from the figure of the wearer. The secret of its "stand-offishness" is not, however, the bone-wheel of Elizabethan days, but an extremely pliable strip of whalebone cunningly introduced to give to each gather its full value. As to the hem, it is finished with an insertion of net embroidered with jet just heavy enough to keep each "loop" of the whalebone in place. For the rest, the corsage is a confection of satin and clear black net, showing here and there gleams of silver lace; while the sleeves are of net, too, puffy and buoyant and tied with black ribbon.

Some abuse the farthingale, but then they had not seen it under a frock of black satin which breathes "Paris" all over its shiny surface. Ribbons, too, are no longer only "fairings" for the simple maiden, but an integral part of the toilette of the Society belle.

Hats in General. Of hats in general it may be said that those which have not breadth of outlook have a soaring ambition which carries some of them higher than they have ever mounted before. But for the moment extremes are to be avoided, since such hats as have already arrived are but the vanguard of the great army of others to follow. Popularity is predicted for feathers, and here is a black hat charmingly turned up all round, whose only adornment is a balloonshaped mount of many tiny black tips massed together. The other hat is for restaurant wear, and the secret of its charm lies in the manner in which it is worn, for when the correct angle is attained one eye of the wearer gaze's through an imponderable veil of net and sequins, where the scarf which supplies the trimming droops over the brim.

SELLING A PUP!



THE Sub. (Very Junior): I want one of those dogs about so high, and about so long.

A sort of greyhound; but it isn't quite, because its tail's shorter and its head's bigger, and the legs aren't so long, and the body's thinner. Do you keep that sort?

THE DEALER: No, Sir; I don't. I drown 'em!



Phillip in Particular. I.—Mone but the Braing Deserve—

By W. DOUGLAS NEWTON.

HE Senior Captain 00.639 Batt. Regentpalace Rifles (T.) had a child-munching outlook on junior officers, and if it had not been for the extraordinary dryness within him, and its eternal need of wholesome nourishment, he might have eaten at least one Subaltern or Lieutenant at every meal. But whatever his regard for ordinary company infants, his gaze upon Lieutenants of Staff was wolfish. Moloch might have seemed a Nut-Fooder if his gracebefore-meals glance was compared with the glare the Senior Captain directed at the two red tabs on the collar of a Lieutenant.

Perhaps his age and his distinguished career had soured the Senior Captain's heart; perhaps, when somebody dug him out from somewhere with chalybeate waters in it, his soul missed the exalted tone and the sound soldiership of those other youngsters who had fought with him when Raglan led. Anyhow, his attitude toward people below the age of forty was bitter, and his appreciation of juniors on the Staff ferocious. Perhaps he, too, had visions of

Staff towns, where estaminets are near, and ale blooms mellow in the longnecked beakers-who knows?. But he was ferocious.

To him, then, Phillip-Phillip with two "I's" please, and said slow-Phillip would be the abomination of desecration. Phillip, the boy with the spotless boots, and all the creases where they should be, and the tunic like the morning's glory-Phillip with all that and two tabs would be a pain. And Phillip was, and more. Possibly Phillip was tact-To arrive in the dustiest trench of the line on the thirstiest day of the year, when a junior-killer with a marchto-Delhi thirst was occupying it, is, perhaps, not tactics of the Higher Command. . . . But how was Phillip to know that?

Phillip arrived (certainly there was a General attached to him, but when Phillip was about Generals somehow dimmed) and, having arrived, Phillip began to consider things. Phillip examined the trench carefully, as though he were nesting for rabbits; and the Senior Captain, who imagined that Generals did this important sort of work, snorted. The General was more tactful. He could see that the Senior Captain had singular ideas, so he advanced in echelon to the dug-out, and as he advanced he mentioned the heat of the day, and the dustiness thereof, and the benefit of dug-outs in all their establishments. The Senior Captain tore his cannibalistic glance from Phillip and

moved off to the sacramental ale. Phillip looked over the trench, and it was a good old trench. It was one of those trenches one went to when one wanted to escape the feverishness of billets. It was a gentle trench where nothing occurred to alarm the mind, where Germans strafed not much, before which Saxon regiments with their gentle songs were put in their convalescence. It was a trench, that is, on a part of the line where nothing ever happened, or ever could or should happen. It had been built for some reason in the early days of the war, and that reason had never occurred again. It was safer to be in that trench than guarding Buckingham Palace on a damp night. There wasn't much to see. Phillip had seen it all several times, but he went over it again; while the men of the Regentpalace Rifles looked at his spotless perfection and wondered whether he was real.

Phillip came into the dug-out at that poignant moment when the Senior Captain was stating the fact that, war being war, he would have to put himself (and his guests) on quarter rations of beer. He was saying this as a strong man should. The General was sympathetic. Beer, he said, was suffering from some sort of blockade; even the Staff was feeling the pinch.

Phillip sat down, bearing the Senior Captain's glances meekly, and presently the General remembered the hostilities, and asked if

all was well.
"Oh, top-hole," said Phillip. "Nice trench this. Well planned. Nice northern aspect . . . but . . ."

'Ah," said the General.

"Some movement over on the left-by the old house that our gunning knocked half-silly."

"Ah," said the General.

Phillip looked at the Captain with his mild and winsome eye. "Oh, that," said the Senior Captain. "I've been looking at that." You knew what that meant at once. It was The Final Word.

"No," muttered the General, quite relieved.
"Looked at it a long time," said the Captain.

"So have I," agreed Phillip spontaneously. "Through my glasses, too."

The Senior Captain snorted.

"Some movement there, I admit.

But nothin' in it. Nothin'."

"Might be a good wheeze to go, along and 'look-see,'" said Phillip cheerfully.

"Why?" snarled the Captain.

"Oh, don't know — just an idea," gulped Phillip. "Rot!"

snapped the Captain. "What good, hey? What good? couldn't use the place without extending ourselves dangerously-that's sound, isn't it?"
"Oh, very sound, very," agreed the

General violently.

"Well, there you are. They can't -" Strong, use it either. Can't enfiladevirile man on enfilade was the Semor Captain. "They can't rush us from it. They can't do anything with it. What's the good? Only stir things up, make a mess—for nothin'. I see no use."

"None at all," protested the General. Quite right, Kayenne."

The Senior Captain glared at Phillip. "Bit of an idea," murmured Phillip.

"That movement, y'know."
"Movement!" growled the Captain.
"The movement of one man an hour. . . . Using it for washing, that 's what they are. Do you want us to attack a wash-house? Or perhaps you'd like to lead a party .

u'd like to lead a party . . .?''
The Senior Captain glared fire. That would squash the young blighter. Suggest work and danger to him. . . . "Oh, I say, that's very jolly of

you . . . but . . . well, perhaps . . ."
The Senior Captain saw them off grimly. He knew how to

stop a Staff underling's nonsense. He finished with this gilt-lined idiot. .

Only he hadn't. Phillip came back smiling the day after to-morrow.

He came back beautiful and casual, bringing with him a private and a sergeant—a large sergeant with an ever-oyster mouth. He had come back to have a go at that old place, as the Captain had kindly invited . . . the Senior Captain received him with the utmost savagery. He had one bottle of beer left. One bottle, and those were the warm days when one stayed for ages in a trench. Ages in a trench, and this young limb must be taken in and given to drink of that last, precious bottle.

Phillip admired the beer, which was good, but a trifle warm, and asked the Captain for his real, heart-to-heart opinion of the ruined house. Was it really a wash-house? The Senior Captain admitted that he didn't care whether it was a cinema palace, or the home for lost Crown Princes, though he hoped that Phillip would get it severely above the collar when he went meddling out that way.



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"Well, y'know, that movement now—don't you make anything

The Senior Captain made nothing of it, and did not want to make anything of it. The days were too hot and the trenches too dry for arid speculation. But he was slightly interested in Phillip's future. He wanted to know whom he should break the news to at Phillip smiled sadly, and suggested that it would be better to have a circular printed, and a mournful copy sent to the address on each of the locks of hair and pig-mascots he had at billets; and then, solemnly and—for the Captain—painfully finishing the bottle, he went out to the large sergeant.

They went off into the night, a little later, and the Senior Captain hoped that in the days to come he would know Phillip no more. This, of course, was counting without Phillip.

Somewhere about two hours after the time of the first Verey flare, noises arose in the night. The ruins of the house on the left abruptly became active. Shouting first. Then the snapping of rifles, then the crack of an automatic—Phillip was of the automatic school-going full time. Then more rifle-shots, more shouting, a confused tumbling, and those melancholy sounds that tell of men The retiring was done by the enemy.

The Senior Captain sent up a Verey or two, and glared at the ruin. He was exceedingly angry. Not only had this Staff cub been a torment to him in a dry place, not only had he robbed him of the sleep which was a necessity to a stern nature such as his, but he must also get himself into a mess from which he must be rescued.

If he had only gone out and got himself slaughtered respectably with nothing more said, that would not have mattered. But there he was-palpably-with the Germans retiring, and his three conquering rifles (he had taken the Sergeant and the private with him) spitting defiance at the Hun. The Senior Captain would have to take out men, who were more charming asleep, to rescue the little ass. Else the Germans would be coming back in force, and the group at the house would be wiped out.

Using exemplary language, he collected a handful of men, and in person he led them forth. In person would give him the only satisfaction he could hope. He would then be able to speak his mind-

and his mind just then was rich and full.

His men got going just as the Saxons came out to the ruin from their trenches. The Saxons were very in earnest, and put much play into their work. There was a brisk time with bomb and bayonet. The Senior Captain and his fellows had to do all they knew. Certainly the Saxons were very much in earnest. All

through the fight the three at the house laboured merrily. They seemed to be in no great anxiety, their rifles did briskly, and went on doing it. The Senior Captain realised that if Phillip was a fool he could fightthough certainly he was a fool to cause all this fuss over nothing.

After about an hour or so the Saxons realised that they were not to have peace at their own terms. fighting became less intense. They fell back sullenly. They were driven well into their trenches, and the rescuing party were able to make headway. Tired and exceedingly hot, and more than dry, they forced themselves up to the ruins, and went through the door into the one habitable room. Here the dauntless and asinine three—or their mangled bodies - should be found. In the light of the electric torches they found the private, a single private, torn and tired, but smiling.

The Senior Captain glared at him.

"The Lieutenant," he cried. "Where is the body of the Lieutenant?"

"Body, Sir? No body, Sir. Mr. Manwaering is down below with the Sergeant, Sir."

The Captain thought that perhaps he was down below, deep and hot down below, but he was about to ask the fellow to be more explicit when Phillip arrived.



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Phillip was genuinely glad to see him. He cried:

"Hallo! Awfully decent of you to come along. Saves trouble. Could I borrow a working-party?"

The Senior Captain was too rushed to speak his mind. He could only gasp platitudes.

"My God, Sir," he snarled, "why should I lend you a working-party? Why in heaven's name, Sir, do you want a detonative working-party from me?"

"Oh, you know," said Phillip cheerily. "To carry the stuff

away—the beer."
"The beer?" cried the Senior Captain in awe.

"About four dozen of beer-all they left, you know. I want to cart it off."

'Beer,' said the Captain, "here—beer?"

"Why not, eh? Estaminet, y' know. Pub, y' know-oh, but you thought it was

did.'

The Senior Captain was beginning to realise he was confronting a master mind. "Isn't it a wash - house?" . he muttered feebly. 'How did you know it wasn't a washhouse?"

a wash-house, so you

"Oh, deductionstrong line of mine. Two and two together and all that. When I saw the movement—you remember I saw some movement-I looked at it hard through my glasses. I saw men coming away from this ruin carrying-objects. Long objects - narrowish at the butt. Might be bombs, I thought, rather like air-bombs to look at; but that didn't fit in, eh? Well, back at H.Q. I strained over a map. There was the ruin marked all right. An estaminet-pub, you see. That began to give me a new angle for looking at those bombs. Then I



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turned up your reports-you have no idea how neatly we keep your memos. Really pretty, you should drop in and see how we do you for posterity . . . well, your reports don't say much about bombing attacks, not one in a fortnight (but you haven't been there a fortnight, I know. All the trench reports are tacked together, though). On the other hand, you (and the other men) report much singing and merriment at nights. Convivial evenings on a fair scale . . . that fits in, too. And last night—that is after I had seen them carrying the long objects, narrowish at the butt-you had another sing-song from over the way. An' you noted, very acutely, that the singing and the rest was strangely wild and hilari-That was the final clue. It all fitted in with an estaminet, that, being half shelled only, might have its cellars-and stock-

intact. I put the clues together, and I am right. Oh, very right."
"Ah," said the Senior Captain feelingly. "Ah, and the beer is here, and you want a working-party to carry it back to the trench. Good.'

"Not at all," said Phillip. "I want a working-party to carry it back to H.Q. We are powerfully short of the necessities of life at H.Q. I have told the General of my surmises, and he gave me orders to requisition the lot for H.Q. AND I was to get my working-party from you."

"My working-party to take this—this precious fluid from my trench—well I 'm . . . "

"Headquarters has spoken," said Phillip mournfully.
"But—but it's my trench," said the Senior Captain hopelessly.
"And my idea," smiled Phillip blandly. "Ideas win. None but the brainy deserve—as you know. Can you let me have that party one time? The General was curiously anxious Oh,

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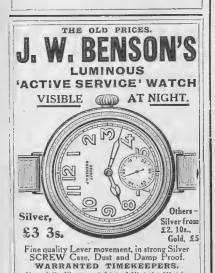
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who proposes to him. I incline to think that he would have had too much commonsense to marry the lady, whose views on life and manners, when coldly examined; are about on a par with those of an English milliner's girl. Miss Kyrle Bellew rightly makes Mrs. Pretty a Puck-like, irresponsible, light-hearted creature, and provides us with some Romney pictures of floating skirts, backward glances, loose curls, and flappy hats. Now it is quite certain that after the War social England will more closely resemble Australia than the England of a decade ago, so that we should set to work to reconsider our outlook on life. Pretty and the Premier" may be an objectlesson on Democracy which we should do well to heed, and, moreover, we may get some idea of how the strange times coming will "work out" on this portion of the globe's surface.

Brighton Nearly as Usual.

A unit of some five cyclist-rifles is in charge of the Palace Pier at

Brighton, with a small ambuscade to shoot over, and this, with a few Indian wounded on the front and a great multitude of officers in khaki on Sunday in the big hotels, is all there is to show that England is in the middle of a gigantic war. Brighton is great at keeping up its spirits. At no time of year, and in no circumstances, is it depressed, and it never looks out-of-season or dowdy. In this respect it can go one better

than London, which is apt to look dingy and fatigued in a hot or damp summer. Then the Métropole at Brighton always reminds one of a musical comedy, so amazing are the ladies—just like the pictures in *The Shetch*; while nowadays the preponderance of uniforms gives the lounge and luncheon-rooms the most gallant air in the world. There are fluffy little creatures with short velvet frocks, whose hands are apparently sewn into slit front pockets, other

ladies who you will wager are Mlle Delysia, but who turn out to be only imitations thereof, and high boots which are worth coming a long way to see. It is all very cheering and refreshing to soldiers from trenches, who go there as they go to revues, just to laugh and smoke and forget.

That Roumanian Waiter.

You do not see many signs of war economies

about the smart restaurants nowadays, for luncheon is the principal form of entertainment, and the hordes of guests look far from depressed or anxious. The chief change from peaceful times is the ubiquitous Roumanian waiter (all the male youth of that indecisive country must be over here waiting or hair-dressing), and, in view of the license laws, his pressing liqueur-bottles upon your notice before you have finished your cutlet or chicken. This is all to the good, for not the most hardened toper could help himself to green chartreuse in the middle of eating curried fowl, and in the end we shall find that all England will become abstemious.

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The Tiresome Telephone.

Why Caroline? The question puzzles me. We all to some extent associate Christian names with types, and Caroline does not seem at all

to fit the wayward, fascinating, luxurious, modish grass widow, Mrs. Ashley, separated for ten years from her husband chiefly, it appears, because he suffered from adenoids. Not exactly flattering to Caroline that he preferred separation from her to separation from his adenoids, and during the ten years Robert Oldham paid

a kind of courtship to her-strictly proper, of course, with an understanding that they were to be married on the death of her husband. The first act of Mr. Maugham's new play, which shows the embarrassment of Robert and Caroline when news comes of the death of Mr. Ashley, was quite delightful. Witty dialogue, clever satirical studies of character, handled with great technical skill-what more could one ask? Nothing, perhaps, except suppression of the tele-phone. Oh, how I wish there were a law prohibiting the use of the telephone on the stage, or at least collecting revenue by a tremendous tax upon its employment. Half the modern apparent advance in technique is due to the assistance rendered by the 'phone! After this brilliant act the author shows remarkable skill in keeping his cynical light comedy in motion. It is one of those pieces which, like a top, will fall if they cease to move. There are clever scenes, and skilful repetitions with nice differences, and a most ingenious avoidance of the stagy, except, perhaps, in the doctor's device. No wonder we all laughed; and some of us think of going to see it again.

The Courage of the Unconventional.

"Caroline" is, I think, the finest achievement of its author, and in some respects the most ambitious. It needed great daring to write a play with so slight an intrigue and not even introduce an ancil-

lary plot to assist; and also even to thwart the English love of the sentimental, for in the end we find Caroline pretending that her husband was not dead, because she has come to the conclusion that she would get more fun out of life as the unattainable than as the wife of her admirer, the gentleman who did not want to be gay, but wanted to be able to be gay if he wanted to be gay. Of course there is a certain philosophic trend in the play, but this need not

bother the playgoer, since it is not forced upon him. Miss Irene Vanbrugh just the actress the Londoner would have chosen for the part of Caroline. Her skill, her charm, her gift for holding the stage, the ease and certainty with which she obtains her effects, enabled her to realise the author's ideas of the character perfectly. Mr. Leonard Boyne's distinct person-

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to give a remarkably effective picture of Robert, the middle-aged bachelor, horribly afraid of marriage and its sacrifices. Miss Lillah McCarthy, wearing costumes that staggered the house, gave a quaint, comic picture of Maude Fulton, the somewhat undesirable friend of Caroline. Miss Nina Sevening played agreeably as another friend of quite a different character. Mr. Dion Boucicault's sketch of a fashionable lady's doctor was quite a little gem. After saying this of the players individually, may I add that collectively they were rather tiresome by their constant change of seats? English people do not play musical chairs all the time.



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get paid, and eating and drinking, like clothing and conveyance, is comparative in price. If the well-off voluntary workers invaded cheap restaurants we should think them mean. What the war has done is to keep the people who would go to the most expensive places for food, although they could not afford it, out of them.

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one of these charming dresses, after a bath and a rest, is proved by the enthusiastic way in which they have taken to them. In materials and styles these frocks are in the van of fashion. So great is their success that their inventor and sole maker - Maurice, 43, South Molton Street, W.—is going to America to open branch there. The prices are most moderate, from 31/2 guineas in soft satin mousseline or cash-The mode mere. of the moment is closely followed in them, and a new catalogue and new models are ready for the early spring. A lovely frock was in nigger taffeta, with panels on the full skirt, and upper skirt of a fancy striped silk that looked like embroidery: there

was a stand-up frill and ends of chiffon very daintily finished. Another is in black taffeta brocade, a beautiful fabric; it has a gold lace collar, and is caught at one side with a gold rose, and has a gold embroidered tie. Maurice is not only an inventor but a remarkably clever designer, and his blouses and little coatees in chiffon and other fabrics, rendering the dresses fit for outdoor wear, are smart and fascinating in the extreme. The cleverness of the Eciruam arrangement lies in its simplicity, which makes one wonder, as have all practical and useful modern inventions, why it has never been done before. Although these dresses are made for every occasion, their special suitability for rest, invalid, and maternity gowns is at once apparent.

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Things Agin Us.

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Among new annuals that have grown out of the war a very useful one is "The British Dominions Year-Book" for 1916, published by the British Dominions General Insurance Company, I, Royal Exchange Avenue. It is a development of the "War Facts and Figures" which they brought out last year, and deals largely with the business aspects of the war. The editors, Mr. Edward Salmon and Mr. James Worsfold, have collected a large amount of useful matter, literary and pictorial, including a number of signed articles by well known experts, such as Mr. F. T. Jane, Sir Leo Chiozza Money, Sir Laurence Gomme; many other articles, and a "Who's Who in the War." The illustrations comprise maps, diagrams, and colour-plates of Service badges and decorations.



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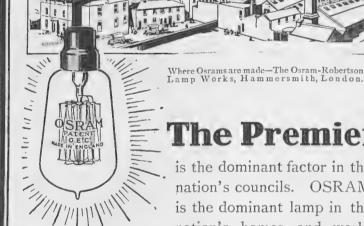
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CROSSING THE BORDERS: DETACHABILITY AND DISCS: THE "TRAP" GRIEVANCE.

Those Perforated Full compliance with the new Order issued by the Home Office as to motor-car lights is proving an affair of no small difficulty. It

is a simple enough matter to keep a piece of tissue-paper permanently pasted on the front lens, but the trouble comes when, first, the lamp has to be shrouded sufficiently for Metropolitan requirements, and secondly, when the per-forated disc has to be fitted for use in passing through the areas defined in Schedule II. If one were always driving in a given area, whether Metropolitan, Schedule I., or Schedule II., the lamp could be adapted to the district and left undisturbed; but when borders have to be crossed the question of adjustability is not easily overcome. For London the best way is to insert further thicknesses of tissue-paper, not pasted down, but secured by the edges of the lamp-face; but the correct degree of obscuration is not scientifically ascertainable so long as New Scotland Yard refuses to inform us how it calculates a thirty-yards beam. The perforated disc, however, is in many cases a decided problem. It can be attached readily enough, by means of two projecting leather tabs (as used in the samples issued by the A.A. and M.U.), to oil or acetylene lamps with hinged fronts; but in the case of electric lamps with screwed-on lenses the matter is altogether different.

The Problem of Detachability.

Here the difficulty arises of fixing the perforated disc close up to the lens, as required, without using gum or any other adhesive, and so making the attachment permanent. Do as one will, the disc will drop backwards or sideways, and so allow light to escape,

whenever the lens is screwed home. Apparently, one must either carry about a gum-pot and a brush or else use the old - fashioned wafers; but these are not easy to obtain, having long since fallen into desuetude. Moreover, even if one could attach the disc in a more or less slight fashion, each time it were removed the tissue - paper next the glass would be damaged and would have to be renewed. And, incidentally, it is not easy to understand why three fittings should be regarded as essential; Central London might have the perforated discs, if necessary though that is doubtful; and for the greater portion of the police dis-trict, which is thirty miles across and semirural in many places, the simple tissue-paper should suffice.

> How to Make a Disc.

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Photograph by Underwood and Underwood, New York.

way of dividing up the opaque card so as to conform to the proviso which states that the distance between the perforated holes and the centre must not be less than one quarter the diameter of the lens. As a maximum lens of six inches is allowed, certain people have pointed out that the distance between any two apertures must in that case be three inches, or one-and-a-half inches to the centre; and this has led owners of smaller lamps to make proportional calculations in vulgar fractions. There is no need, however, to deal in figures at all. Take a card and a pair of compasses, and first inscribe a circle larger than the lens, whatever that may be, if less than six inches. Then describe a circle the exact size of the lens as visible from the front. Draw a radius, bisect it, and describe a circle through the bisection. Now make another circle exactly half-an-inch wider, and you have the lines between which the six apertures must be perforated at equal distances. The outer edge of the card now only needs to be trimmed to fit within the

save some amount of trouble to the

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To the credit of the Metropolitan magistrates be it said, several of them have

from time to time criticised the methods of New Scotland Yard in administering the lights regulations, in spite of which

they still await a legal definition of a "powerful" light in London area; out of London, of course, the question is mechanically settled by the prescribed screens and Now Mr. Hopdiscs. kins, of Bow Street, has been making caustic comment on the policetrapping methods in St. James's Park, and the manner in which the summonses have been issued. It appears that a driver who was waylaid on Constitution Hill was not summoned under the Parks Regulations for exceeding the local limit, but under Section I. of the Motor - Car Act for driving to the common danger. Not only was this a straining of the Act, but Mr. Hopkins commented on the absurdity of setting a trap in a quiet spot like St. James's Park, and said that the law was being used too stringently against the public. Motorists will

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THINGS NEW: AT THE THEATRES.

HE latest programme of "The Pioneer Players" is not one of their best, and in the three pieces composing it there does not seem to be "a winner." The cleverest is a Russian farce, "The Dear Departing," which deals with a mass of people watching a man who seems in danger of falling amongst them from a high rock. There is a great deal of cleverness and rather wild humour in the attitude towards the affair of the many spectators. The farcical turn is based upon the fact that the man is in no danger at all, being merely fastened to the rocks by an inn-keeper as a means of attracting customers. I rather think that the piece was not meant for the stage; and, despite its cleverness and the ability of the numerous performers, one cannot say that a fair proportion of the fun got across the foot-lights. The other pieces—" The Conference," by Delphine Grey, and "Pan in Ambush," of which an actress, Miss Marjorie Patterson, was the author-are the sort of things for production by such a society with a view to seeing their acting value, which, unfortunately, was not very great, though there is some merit in the idea on which

each is based. It would be rather interesting to know the early history of "The Joan Danvers." One wonders whether Mr. Frank Stayton started with the violent melodrama situations, and then chose the "Younger Generation" atmosphere as an environment; or did he begin with the study of family life and introduce the violences for fear of its becoming monotonous? Certainly the blending of the amusing study of middle-class Bristol folk with the violent drama is not very nicely contrived, and there is a clumsiness of workmanship surprising in a playwright of some experience. What most people in the theatre spoke or thought of as the Stanley Houghton scenes are very good, apart from the fact that the young people are somewhat incredibly self-conscious in their frequent references

and "our" generation; and old Mr. Danvers is an exto "your cellent picture of the dourly religious man, unscrupulous in business



MISS PHYLLIS MONKMAN.

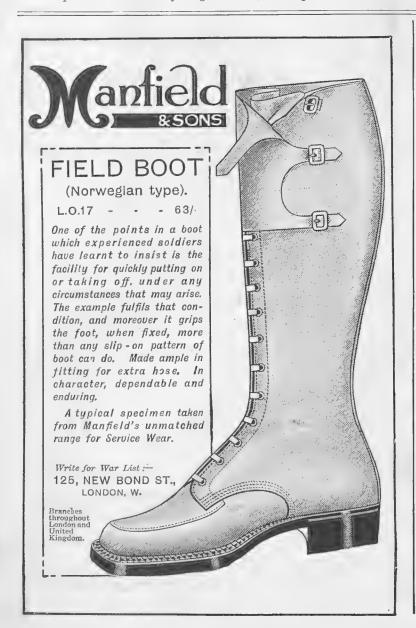
Wearing the new fashionable "Eciruam" gown, which is notable because it is entirely without fasteners. It is made by "Maurice," 43, South Molton Street, W.

on a work-day. Really, whatever you may think from a critical point of view, the play is interesting throughout, and even becomes thrilling when old Danvers displays himself as a murderous scoundrel and has a fit on discovering that his wicked plot is likely to cause the death of his own son. But oh! what a lot of improbabilities before we got to it, and how purely conventional the last act with the family in a state of awful uncertainty, though we, merely from a knowledge of the class of play, knew exactly what was going to happen.

Miss Horniman is very well served by the company that she has brought to the Duke of York's, and it is to be hoped that their labours have proved successful. Mr. Herbert Lomas has quite a big chance in "The Joan Danvers" as the old man, and his performance was altogether admirable until we came to the passage where he is worked up to a wild passion, and finally falls into a fit; here, despite real cleverness, he failed to reach the full pitch. The part of his wife, a sort of buffer between father and children, is charmingly drawn, and was played beautifully by Mrs. Tapping. Miss Evelyn Hope acted with skill and touching sincerity as the chief rebellious daughter. Miss Muriel Pope was quite amusing

as the saucy younger sister.
"Tiger's Cub'' is, I understand, an effort by an English dramatist to outplay the Americans at their own game, and produce a full-blooded drama of life out West even more strenuous and exciting than those that have come from the States. On the whole, Mr. George Potter, who is now serving in the trenches, is successful. If you leave your sense of humour, ideas of common-sense, and logic in the cloak-room, and merely take with you into the auditorium the desire for thrills and fun, you get "the goods"; whilst in the matter of picturesque language the new piece almost "takes the cake "—how pale our English slang beside the Alaskan variety! Except the young English hero, customary simpleton of melodrama, the

rather tiresome baby, not yet articulate, a French priest, and a Redskin, nobody opens his mouth without saying something wildly figurative and suggestive of journalism and





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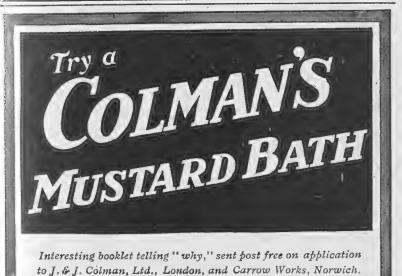
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American humourists. And sometimes the phrases are vigorously funny and make you laugh. But the play is not all talk: there was hardly a minute when a fight seemed improbable, and in

the second act we burst into the real employment of knives and guns; whilst the third has a trial of the hero for murder before a tribunal of miners, in which ropes and knives and revolvers were flourished. Mixed up in it all is heaps of love-interest concerning the golden-hearted young Alaskan girl, who seemed to be rather a threatening bride for a hero who had been to the 'Varsity, particularly seeing that he became the owner of a gold-mine that really had gold, and seemed likely in the future to take his bride into civilisation, where even a golden heart would be a poor set-off against a habit of saying "Oh, hell!" on small provocation. On the first night the audience simply "ate it," to use the bloodless cant of our stage, though there was one stern critic who shouted out "Rubbish!" at the end, and was quickly howled down-of course, I do not mean howled down by the dramatic critics. None of us have howled audibly since Mr. Tomlin protested on the first night of "It's Never Too Late to Mend "—we merely howl with our pens. Possibly the



"ROMANCE" BURLESQUED IN "SHELL-OUT": BELLE ASHLYN AS MISS DORIS KEANE.

passages which remind one of scenes in Mr. Maugham's able play, The Land of Promise," are a trifle indiscreet for this class of

work, and sometimes the play drags a trifle; still, on the whole it is a remarkably good specimen of highly coloured melodrama. Miss Madge Titheradge played the heroine with great sincerity

and no little power-indeed, she seems better suited by it than by the Society ladies whom she generally represents. Mr. H. A. Saintsbury was extremely good as the noble Redskin, dear to all of us when young. Mr. Charles Glenney was called upon to be repulsive as the ruffian who married the heroine against her will, and he certainly did his duty, though his humour was a trifle laborious; Hanks Blossthere's a name! — otherwise "The Tiger," was played very effectively by Mr. Sam Livesey; Mr. Ambrose Manning amused the house by his performance of the Sheriff; Miss Frances Dillon, otherwise "The Red Rag" from Dawson City, gave a pathetic picture of the betrayed woman; and, of course, Mr. Basil Gill made a picturesque hero.

In our reference last week to "Stanford's setting" of Sheridan's play "The Critic," at the Shaftesbury Theatre, we, of course, referred to the musical setting of the opera rehearsal, by Sir

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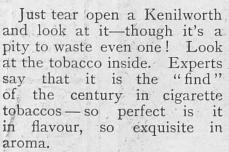
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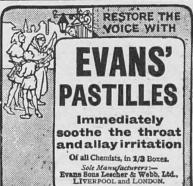
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